

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before the first line, insert as a separate paragraph:

a1 This application is the U.S. national phase of international application  
PCT/GB00/02179 filed June 5, 2000, which designated the U.S..

**IN THE CLAIMS**

a2 4. A process according to claim 1 further comprising the step of recovering sulphur  
from the product.

a3 7. A lithium transition metal sulphide obtainable by a process according to claim 1.